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Timiskaming Health Unit launches survey to collect information on COVID-19 impact on local residents

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The Timiskaming Health unit is asking the public to complete an online survey to understand how COVID-19 is affecting local residents. For example, how is COVID-19 impacting you and members of your household's physical, emotional, and mental well-being? Do you practice physical distancing and wear a mask? Do you agree with these preventive measures? What are your opinions about how well public health is responding?

The Timiskaming Health Unit is asking these and many more questions in a newly launched COVID-19 survey that runs from now until early December 2020. The confidential, anonymous survey is open to anyone 18 years of age and older who lives in the Timiskaming Health Unit area.

"We know the pandemic has had a big impact on our community and our personal lives so we encourage everyone to complete the survey, from young adults to older adults" said Dr. Glenn Corneil, Timiskaming's Acting Medical Officer of Health. "Results from this survey will help us better understand the impact of COVID-19 and related public health measures. Survey findings will inform our ongoing response to the pandemic as well as enable us to provide our best advice for programs and services to support our residents now and beyond the pandemic" added Corneil. The survey findings will also be shared with other organizations to inform decision making.

Community partner and service providers will also be encouraged to share the link to the survey and encourage their clients to have their say.

The survey takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete and must be done in one session. More information about COVID-19 and a link to the survey can be found at www.timiskaminghu.com.

The COVID-19 online survey is being conducted by many Ontario health units who participate in the Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System (RRFSS). Surveys are conducted by the Institute for Social Research at York University on behalf of the local Health Unit. Health units use the local RRFSS results to plan programs and improve services.

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